

What is claimed is:

1. A system for accessing patient medical information in a network including a plurality of servers, comprising:
 - a repository comprising patient identifiers and associated server identifiers for use in identifying a particular server storing medical information of a particular patient;
 - a search processor for initiating, in response to a received command, a search of said repository to locate a particular server identifier associated with an identifier of said particular patient; and
 - an interface processor for generating a URL address incorporating said located particular server identifier in a data field and for initiating, in response to a user command, a request to access said stored medical information of a particular patient at said generated URL address hosted by said particular server.
2. A system according to claim 1, wherein
 - said repository comprises a map linking said patient identifiers and said associated server identifiers for identifying a server hosting medical information of a particular patient.
3. A system according to claim 1, wherein
 - said interface processor generates said URL address by incorporating said particular patient identifier in a data field.
4. A system according to claim 1, wherein
 - said search processor determines at least one of: (a) whether said repository contains a plurality of said particular patient identifiers and (b) whether said repository contains no identifiers matching said particular server identifiers; and
 - said interface processor initiates generation of a message identifying at least one of (a) and (b) in response to said determination.

5. A system according to claim 4, wherein
said interface processor inhibits initiating a request to access said stored medical information of said particular patient in response to a determination of at least one of (a) and (b).
6. A system according to claim 1, further comprising
an acquisition processor for interrogating a plurality of different servers to compile data indicating patient identifiers and associated server identifiers for storage in said repository.
7. A system according to claim 6, wherein
said acquisition processor periodically interrogates said plurality of different servers in response to a record identifying said plurality of different servers.
8. A system according to claim 1, further comprising
a display processor for initiating generation of data representing said accessed stored medical information of said particular patient.
9. A system according to claim 1, wherein
said accessed stored medical information of said particular patient comprises at least one of (a) a blood pressure parameter, (b) a ventilation parameter, (c) a vital sign parameter, (d) a blood oxygen concentration representative parameter, (e) an infusion pump parameter associated with fluid delivery, (f) a drip medication related parameter, (g) blood gas parameters, and (h) financial information concerning an interaction of said particular patient with a healthcare organization.
10. A system according to claim 1, further comprising
an authorization processor for verifying that a user is authorized to access said stored medical information of said particular patient in response to said user

command and for inhibiting access of said user to said stored medical information of said particular patient in response to an unsuccessful verification.

11. A system for accessing patient medical information in an Internet Protocol compatible network including a plurality of servers, comprising:
 - an executable application supporting access to patient medical information via an Internet-compatible user interface;
 - a search processor for initiating, in response to a user command entered using said user interface, a search of at least one data source to find a particular server identifier associated with an identifier of a particular patient; and
 - an interface processor, for:
 - generating a URL address incorporating said particular server identifier, found by said search processor, in a data field
 - initiating a request to access, via said generated URL address, said stored medical information of said particular patient hosted by said particular server; and
 - communicating said accessed stored medical information for display to a user using said Internet-compatible user interface.
12. A system according to claim 11, wherein
 - said at least one data source comprises at least one of (a) a repository including patient identifiers and associated server identifiers for use in identifying a particular server storing medical information of a particular patient and (b) a plurality of different servers.
13. A system for accessing patient medical information in an Internet Protocol compatible network including a plurality of servers, comprising:
 - an executable application supporting access to patient medical information via an Internet compatible user interface;

a repository including patient identifiers and associated server identifiers for use in identifying a particular server storing medical information of a particular patient;

a search processor for initiating, in response to a received command, a search of said repository to locate a particular server identifier associated with an identifier of said particular patient; and

an interface processor for initiating, in response to a user command, a request to access said stored medical information of a particular patient at a URL address derived in response to said located particular server identifier and said particular patient identifier.

14. A system according to claim 13, further comprising

an acquisition processor for interrogating a plurality of different servers to compile data indicating patient identifiers and associated server identifiers for storage in said repository.

15. A system according to claim 14, wherein

said acquisition processor periodically interrogates said plurality of different servers in response to a record identifying said plurality of different servers.

16. A method for accessing patient medical information in a network including a plurality of servers, comprising the activities of:

storing patient identifiers and associated server identifiers for use in identifying a particular server storing medical information of a particular patient; initiating a search to locate a particular server identifier associated with an identifier of said particular patient, in response to a received command;

generating a URL address incorporating said located particular server identifier in a data field; and

initiating a request to access said stored medical information of a particular patient at said generated URL address hosted by said particular server, in response to a user command.

17. A method for accessing patient medical information in an Internet Protocol

compatible network including a plurality of servers, comprising the activities of:

initiating a search of at least one data source to find a particular server identifier associated with an identifier of a particular patient, in response to a user command entered using a user interface;

generating a URL address incorporating in a URL data field said particular server identifier found by said search;

initiating a request to access stored medical information of the particular patient at said generated URL address hosted by said particular server; and

via the Internet Protocol compatible network, communicating said accessed stored medical information for display to the user interface.

18. A method for accessing patient medical information in an Internet Protocol

compatible network including a plurality of servers, comprising the steps of:

storing patient identifiers and associated server identifiers for use in identifying a particular server storing medical information of a particular patient;

in response to a received command, initiating a search to locate a particular server identifier associated with an identifier of said particular patient; and

in response to a user command, initiating a request to access said stored medical information of the particular patient at a URL address derived from the located particular server identifier and said particular patient identifier.